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Annotations*

2. Election of the Chair

In paragraph 27 of its resolution 68/75, entitled "International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space", the General Assembly endorsed the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subcommittees for the period 2014-2015, and reiterated that the Committee and its subcommittees, at their respective sessions in 2014, should elect their officers nominated for that period.

The Committee, at its fifty-fifth session (A/67/20, para. 331) noted the nomination of Kai-Uwe Schrogl (Germany) to be elected to the office of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee.

5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law (A/AC.105/C.2/104).

6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space

In paragraph 4 of its resolution 68/75, the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-third session, should reconvene its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

In accordance with the agreement of the Working Group at the fifty-second session of the Subcommittee, the replies received by the Secretariat to the questions in the questionnaire prepared by the Chair of the Working Group will be made available in a conference room paper. An overview of the responses to the questionnaire, including a synthesis of views presented in writing and raised in the discussions during that session, will also be made available in a conference room paper (A/AC.105/1045, annex I, paras. 10 and 15).

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-second session, agreed that at its fifty-third session it would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that session (A/AC.105/1045, para. 188).

* The annotations and the indicative schedule of work are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Subcommittee.

7. **Matters relating to:**

(a) **The definition and delimitation of outer space**

(b) **The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union**

In paragraph 4 of its resolution 68/75, the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-third session, should reconvene its Working Group on Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space.

At its thirty-ninth session, in 2000, the Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group would consider only matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space (A/AC.105/738, para. 108).

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing replies received from Member States to questions on the definition and delimitation of outer space (A/AC.105/889/Add.13 and 14), a note by the Secretariat containing replies received from member States of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on national legislation and practice relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space (A/AC.105/865/Add.14 and 15) and a note by the Secretariat containing replies from Member States and permanent observers of the Committee to questions on suborbital flights for scientific missions and/or for human transportation (A/AC.105/1039/Add.2 and 3).

8. **National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space**

The Legal Subcommittee will have before it General Assembly resolution 68/74 of 11 December 2013, entitled "Recommendations on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space".

9. **Capacity-building in space law**

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed that the item on capacity-building in space law should be considered as a regular item on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee (A/68/20, para. 252).

10. **Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space**

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed that the item on review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session (A/68/20, para. 252).

11. **General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed that the item on general exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the

work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session (A/68/20, para. 252).

12. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed to include the item on general exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session (A/68/20, paras. 251 and 252).

13. Review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space

The Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-first session, agreed to include the item on review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space as an item under a five-year workplan (A/AC.105/1003, para. 179). According to the workplan, in 2014, the Subcommittee will continue the exchange of information and establish a working group, which will discuss the categorization of the range of mechanisms for international cooperation, including existing bilateral and multilateral agreements, non-binding arrangements, principles, technical guidelines and other cooperative mechanisms (A/AC.105/1003, para. 179).

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing replies received from member States and permanent observers of the Committee on review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space (A/AC.105/C.2/105 and Add.1 and 2).

14. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-fourth session

At its fifty-third session, the Legal Subcommittee will submit its proposal to the Committee for the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Subcommittee.

Symposium

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-second session, agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during its fifty-third session (A/AC.105/1045, para. 189). A symposium on the theme "Regulatory needs for very small satellites" will be held on the afternoon of 24 March 2014.

Information provided by the Chair of the Working Group of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

At its fifty-sixth session, the Committee agreed that the Chair of the Working Group would inform the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session of the progress achieved by the Working Group in the period leading up to and during the fifty-first session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/68/20, para. 167).

Organizational matters

At its fifty-fourth session, the Committee endorsed the recommendations made by the Legal Subcommittee at its fiftieth session (A/AC.105/990, paras. 194 and 196-198) and by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-eighth session (A/AC.105/987, paras. 216-220) concerning the improvement and optimization of the methods of work of those subsidiary bodies (A/66/20, para. 298).

Annex

Organization of work

1. The work of the Subcommittee has been scheduled so as to afford the working groups that will be reconvened under items 6, 7 (a) and 13 the maximum amount of time available.

2. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 5, entitled "General exchange of views", may be limited, as necessary, in order to allow sufficient time for other agenda items to be considered as planned for each meeting. As a general rule, statements should not exceed 10 minutes, as agreed by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session, in 2011 (A/66/20, para. 298 (b)).

3. An indicative schedule of work is provided below. The indicative schedule of work is a general guide to the dates and times when items will be addressed during the session. The consideration of any item may be moved forward, extended or delayed, depending on the requirements of the Subcommittee and any organizational constraints that may arise in the course of the session.

Indicative schedule of work*

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Week of 24-28 March 2014		
Monday, 24 March	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of the Chair Item 3. Statement by the Chair Item 4. General exchange of views	Symposium organized by the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law on the theme "Regulatory needs for very small satellites"
Tuesday, 25 March	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law Item 6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space[a] Technical presentations	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law Item 6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space[a] Technical presentations

* At its thirty-eighth session, in 1995, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that the practice of allocating specific agenda items to particular meetings at a session should be ended and that, to assist in their planning, member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (A/50/20, para. 169 (b)).

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Wednesday, 26 March	Item 4. General exchange of views	Item 4. General exchange of views
	Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law	Item 6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space[a]
	Item 6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space[a]	Item 7 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space[b]
	Technical presentations	Item 7 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit
		Technical presentations
Thursday, 27 March	Item 4. General exchange of views	Item 4. General exchange of views
	Item 7 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space[b]	Item 7 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space[b]
	Item 7 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit	Item 7 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit
	Item 8. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space	Item 8. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space
	Technical presentations	Technical presentations
Friday, 28 March	Item 4. General exchange of views	Item 4. General exchange of views
	Item 7 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space[b]	Item 13. Review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space[c]
	Item 7 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit	Item 14. Proposals to the Committee on new items for consideration by the Subcommittee
	Item 8. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space	Technical presentations
	Technical presentations	
Week of 31 March-4 April 2014		
Monday, 31 March	Item 4. General exchange of views	Item 11. General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee
	Item 12. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space	Item 12. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space
	Item 13. Review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space[c]	Item 13. Review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space[c]
	Technical presentations	Technical presentations

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday, 1 April	Item 11. General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee	Item 9. Capacity-building in space law
		Item 10. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space
	Item 12. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space	Item 11. General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee
	Item 13. Review of international mechanisms for cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space[c]	Technical presentations
	Technical presentations	
Wednesday, 2 April	Item 9. Capacity-building in space law	Item 9. Capacity-building in space law
	Item 10. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space	Item 10. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space
	Item 14. Proposals to the Committee on new items for consideration by the Subcommittee	Item 14. Proposals to the Committee on new items for consideration by the Subcommittee
	Technical presentations	Technical presentations
Thursday, 3 April	Item 14. Proposals to the Committee on new items for consideration by the Subcommittee	Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 13[c]
	Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 6[a]	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee
	Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 7 (a)[b]	Technical presentations
	Technical presentations	
Friday, 4 April	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

[a] The Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 68/75, will meet during the time allocated for the consideration of item 6. The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 6 on Thursday, 3 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.

[b] The Working Group on Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 68/75, will meet during the time allocated for the consideration of item 7 (a). The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 7 (a) on Thursday, 3 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.

[c] The Working Group on International Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, to be convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 68/75, will meet during the time allocated for the consideration of item 13. The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 13 on Thursday, 3 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.